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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA REFUGEE CASES

REF: 77 STATE 296504, 77 TAIPEI 7482, 77 HONG KONG 14548, 77 TAIPEI
7394, 77 BANGKOK 33534, 77 TAIPEI 7382, 77 BANGKOK 34872,
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1. AMBASSADOR UNGER TOOK OCCASION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CODEL
STRATTON'S CALL ON PREMIER CHIANG ON JANUARY 11 TO MENTION REFUGEE
PROBLEM. NOTING DISCUSSION AT COM MEETING IN HK, AMBASSADOR
REFERRED TO BOAT CASEFUGEES INPARTICULAR AND TO DIFFICULTIES IN
FINDING NEW HOMES FOR SUCH UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE. HE URGED THAT THE
GROC DO EVERYTHING IT COULD TO TAKE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES FLEEING
A COMMUNIST REGIME AND TO PROVIDE SUCH REFUGEES WITH NEW HOMES HERE.
PREMIER CHIANG INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM BUT MADE
NO SPECIFIC RESPONSE.

2. AS FOLLOW-UP A DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED JANUARY 12, 1978,
DELIVERED TO ROC MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTING STATUS
REPORT ON VARIOUS PENDING REFUGEE MATTERS WHICH WE HAVE
RASIED ORALLY BUT AS YET RECEIVED NO RESPONSE.

A. PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED STATISTICS ON NUMBER OF PERSONS
REPATRIATED FROM INDOCHINA AND OF REFUGEES RESETTLED IN
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TAIWAN FROM BOATS OR THIRD COUNTRIES (77 STATE 296504;
77 TAIPEI 7482).

B. PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED CONFIRMATION OF REPORT THAT A GROUP
OF 31 REFUGEES HAD LANDED IN TAIWAN LAST FALL ON A CHINESE-
FLAG VESSEL BUT HAD BEEN PUT TO SEA (77 HONG KONG 14548;
77 TAIPEI 7394).

C. PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED ISSUE OF RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES OF

CHINESE ORIGIN FROM THAILAND TO TAIWAN BASED PRIMARILY ON
REPORT PROVIDED IN 77 BANGKOK 34872 (77 BANGKOK 33534; 77 TAIPEI
7382; 77 BANGKOK 34872).

D. CONFIRMATION OF RECENT REPORT THAT A NUMBER OF INDOCHINESE
REFUGEES HAD TAKEN OVER A CHINESE FISHING VESSEL, HAD COME TO
TAIWAN, AND ARE NOW HERE (TAIPEI 207).

3. NOTE DELIVERED IN PERSON TO YU PENG, DIRECTOR, MOFA CONSULAR
AFFAIRS, BY COUNSELOR FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS. TEXT OF NOTE
SENT EA/ROC BY POUCH.
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